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MONEY AND PRICES

The world is suffering from too much money. If we accept the explanation given by economists, it's excess of currency rather than shortage of commodities that makes things cost so much. And figures just published, showing how tremendously the volume of currency has grown, make the rise in prices seem small in comparison.

According to the London Statist, if the average price of commodities in the year 1900 is represented by the "index number" 75, then prices in 1913 would be represented by 85, and prices in 1917 by 170. Bradstreet's gives about the same results. The Bureau of Labor gives the advance as from 65 in 1900 to 81 in 1913 and 130 in 1917. There is thus substantial agreement by the world's leading authorities that prices have slightly more than doubled in the last 17 years.

Turning now to the increase in currency, we find that the total amount of gold money, silver money and uncovered paper money in the world has risen from \$11,000,000,000 in 1900 to \$13,680,000,000 in 1913 and \$24,660,000,000 in 1917. The volume of actual currency has thus increased about 80 per cent since 1913, and has increased since 1900 somewhat more proportionally than prices have.

But to this actual currency, might properly be added the increase of national obligations, because they pass current among financiers, and are always available for obtaining currency at a bank. These have risen from \$31,200,000,000 in 1900 to \$43,840,000,000 in 1913 and \$106,000,000,000 in 1917. It might be said, then, that for practical purposes the amount of money in the world has increased from about \$42,000,000,000 in 1900 to \$157,840,000,000 in 1913 and \$131,000,000,000 in the present year.

Thus while commodity prices have slightly more than doubled, the money and securities available for the purchase of commodities have more than trebled. And the indebtedness of the nations is still rolling up at an incredible rate. The United States alone will add many billions before the year ends.

There is therefore no reason to expect anything but higher prices. The only question is, how much higher will they rise?

BARNUM & BAILEY
SHOWS AT STREATOR

Once again the glad tidings are being spread broadcast telling of the coming of Barnum & Bailey's circus, the greatest show on earth, it is announced, will positively be exhibited within easy traveling distance this season and, as usual, a large percentage of the population will declare a holiday to visit the show.

The big circus will exhibit in Streator on September 5.

It is promised that nothing to compare with the present Barnum & Bailey performance has ever before been seen under canvas. New and novel features have been imported from abroad and a program of events, thrilling, educational and seemingly funny, will occupy every instant in three rings, four stages, the riggings above and the hippodrome surrounding for more than three hours.

There is a new gorgeous pageant entitled, "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp" in which nearly 1,400 persons and one thousand animals appear in magnificent costumes rivaling the dress of the people of the famous "Arabian Nights" story. This will be followed by a host of acts in all parts of the great enclosure. There will be sixty clowns, a greatly increased menagerie of wild and untamed animals, four great herds of elephants, several caravans of camels and many recently born baby animals.

The free street parade, which will start from the circus lot at 10 o'clock on the morning of circus day, is entirely different from anything of the kind ever shown before. It will be three miles in length and there will be bands on foot, on horseback, and riding on top of wagons of red and gold. There will be six bands in all and they will be assisted by three steam calliopes and an electric piano.

With the largest tent in the history of all circuses, the Barnum & Bailey circus promises this season to make good again its boast that it is the Greatest Show on Earth. Five railroad trains comprising 89 railroad cars, will be required to transport its paraphernalia, and more than 750 horses will be used to transfer its wagons from the railroad yards to the show lot.

TORIES. COPPER HEADS
AND PACIFISTS

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we may all hope for the earliest possible peace.

It has been said by some of the enemies of democracy that a democratic form of government could not present a solid front to its enemies. That has been urged by advocates of a monarchy as a reason why a monarchial government was best. I believe in America that we are going to show the world that under a democracy you can not only preserve the life of your citizens, but that you can present so solid a front to the common enemy that democracy is safe even in a time of a world wide war.

I, myself, am a Republican. The president of the United States is a Democrat. I feel it my sacred duty to support him with all the warmth and energy I could show if he belonged to my own party. I know something from my own lesser experience of the great burden his shoulders bear; and let the people of the United States forget politics and give him all the support they can in these awful times. If the president of the United States were a Prohibitionist or a Socialist I would consider myself a traitor to my country if I did not support him with the same ardor and energy and enthusiasm with which I am showing the president now. There is only one test of patriotism in a war like this. Either we are for the government or we are against it. Of course, this war is like all the wars in the past in that there are disaffected people who complain of the government's attitude and actions. That was true in our revolutionary war. They called them Tories then, and you who are familiar with the history of that time know that their main argument against the prosecution of that war was their love of peace, and under the guise of a love of peace they harassed Washington and his army until they almost broke his noble heart. They were Tories then. You will remember that in the civil war there were men who complained of Lincoln's conduct of the war. They didn't call them Tories in that war, nor did they call them Pacifists—they called them Copperheads. One war does not adopt the same name for the same class of people that an earlier war had. They were Tories in the revolutionary war; they were Copperheads in the Civil war; and now, if they have their say, they will be called Pacifists in this war.

I want to say something, while I am on this subject, of Free Speech about which we hear so much. I believe with all my heart in the freedom of speech. Why, bless your hearts, that is one of the free things we are fighting for in this war; but it is also true that mankind has by common consent adopted a definition of treason and that definition is to give aid and comfort to your enemies; and treason is treason even though it be veiled in fair sounding words like free speech. Isn't that true? We believe in freedom of speech, and if we lose this war we lose it and the people who offend have the words "free speech" upon their lips are the ones who are helping to endanger us in the prosecution of this war. Does any one doubt for a moment as to whether the resolutions denouncing the government and criticizing everyone who is engaged in the prosecution of this war are received most gladly? Not in Washington. No aid and comfort come from resolutions such as those to the man in the White House. They do not bring aid and comfort to our soldiers in the field; they do not bring aid and comfort to the mothers and fathers of these boys at home. The only place in all the world that they are welcome is in the Imperial Court at Berlin. I do not deny that the motive of many of these men is good. I only say that they are helping to postpone the peace for which they profess so great a love. Every act of that kind gives comfort to the enemy and discouragement at home and defers that pleasant day when the world shall be at peace again.

I want to say just a word or two more, and then I am done. But, do you know I think that labor is not only loyal in this war; that not only is it a labor war, but that labor is going to be the chief beneficiary at the end of the war. I will tell you why. You know we were getting pretty selfish before this war came upon us; we were divided in classes; we were relinquishing discipline everywhere, in the home, in the school, in the church, in the state. We were living apparently for material things; spiritual things were disappearing from our life. We were approaching an age of rank materialism, unless something had happened to check it; and now, most of that gross selfishness is dropping away and the souls of men and women are shining out of their eyes with a new luster as they never shone before. That means that we are to have a rebirth of ideas of human brotherhood. That means that when the war is over, my friends, we are going to know, as we never knew before, that after all the highest test of civilization is the record in life of just the common man and woman. They are going to have a better status before the law than they ever had before. Under the chastening of this greatest war this world has ever known, we are going to have the birth of a new and better and more humane and more just civilization than any that we had ever known. I say this because I want the mothers and fathers of young men who are going out under our standard to know that their boys are not

WIFE'S SUCCESS
CAUSES HUSBAND
TO ACT QUICKLY

SHERMAN DECLARES HE IMMEDIATELY DECIDED TO TRY TANTLAC AFTER HELPMATE GAINED REMARKABLE RELIEF.

"Tantlac has done my wife so much good that I intend to begin using the new medicine myself," William Sherman, Ottawa gardener of 1213 Phelps street, told the Tantlac man on April 21st.

"Mrs. Sherman was in a nervous, general run down condition," Mr. Sherman continued. "She was continually annoyed by aches and pains in practically every part of her body. I guess the trouble was something like nervous neuralgia. She felt tired and worn out all the time. It was impossible for her to do her work. Her appetite was very poor, also."

"Man alive!" one bottle of Tantlac has certainly helped Mrs. Sherman wonderfully. She does all her work now without suffering the least bit from the former tired, worn out feeling. The pains and aches have seemingly entirely left her. She has a hearty appetite now and thoroughly enjoys the food. She's gaining in weight and strength, too. Tantlac certainly must be the 'Master Medicine,' for it has given my wife wonderful relief."

Tantlac is now being especially introduced and explained in Ottawa at Dunstan's drug store, in La Salle at Clancy's drug store, in Streator at the Gant Drug Co., in Peru at Nadler's Pharmacy, in Spring Valley at Thompson's Pharmacy, in Oglesby at Bent's drug store and in Marselles at Eugene Allen's—adv.

offering their lives in any vain or idle cause. If there was ever a war in the history of mankind in which the highest good of all man was involved, that war is now. There is nothing so tragic as the death of a bright young promising boy or young woman just entering manhood or womanhood with all the promising years before them. Oh, that is tragic. But, these young men, some of whom will not come back but fill a foreign grave, these young men, while they will have died young in years, will have died having accomplished more in their brief lives for humanity than the octogenarians of our time. Remember that. We are in the war, we began it, so why not let us see its finish. Our forefathers began it in Concord and Lexington when they dared oppose the might of another great European empire, the British empire. And the two principles involved in that battle of a century and a half ago are these—shall men govern themselves or shall autocracy impose rule upon them; and you can't reconcile those two principles, there can be no compromise; and that battle which we began way back there in Massachusetts, I believe, is coming to its final close. When it is over, when it is done, and when the banners of the one side and the other are furled forever, either all the world will be free or all the world will be under the heel of military autocracy. That is inevitable, there is no compromise between those two. Then, think there will be no new fields for man to go to and try a new life as America was. All the world will be filled with autocracy. There will be no place of exile for the defeated. Just think, my friends, what America means and has meant to civilization. It has been an inspiration to every nation looking to the advancement of the human race the world around. It has been a solace to the dying idealist in other lands struggling for liberty who could see way off on the shore the flag of America and knew that one day men would be content, and so he died with this vision before him with a smile upon his lips. If we lose this way, that hope is gone, and their dreams will have failed, and so far as man can see there will be no star in all the blackness ahead.

My friends, honor these young men who are going out to the colors of our country to fight that these ideals may be preserved. Let your prayers attend them. God bless them all and God bless the parents of these noble boys who make this sacrifice for a better, a juster, a more enlightened and a freer world. I thank you.

To be excessively fat is very embarrassing. People who are too stout are usually sensitive on this subject. Style and fat folks are strangers. Therefore, people who are carrying around a burden of unhealthy and unsightly fat will be glad to know that they may reduce their weight without starvation diet or tiresome exercises. If you want to become thinner in a simple, safe and reliable way, here is a test worth trying. Spend some time daily in the open air and get from the druggist a box of oil of korein capsules; take one after each meal and one before retiring at night. Also follow the other simple directions that come with the box. Weigh yourself once a week so as to know just how fast you are losing weight, and don't leave off the treatment or even skip a single dose until you are down to normal. Even a few days' treatment has been reported to show a noticeable reduction in weight, with the flesh firm, the skin smooth and the general health improved. If you are ten to sixty pounds over normal weight you should give this treatment a trial. You will likely find it is just what you need. It is a fine sensation to be free from the many discomforts of overweightness.

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GERMANS TAKE RIGA;
RUSSIANS ARE ROUTED

Copenhagen, Sept. 4.—Petrograd and the whole northern end of the battle front is seriously menaced by the Germans today as the result of the evacuation of Riga. The right wing of the twelfth Russian army which evacuated Riga is falling back toward Wenden, along the Petrograd railway. Berlin reports that the German advance continues east of Riga.

Riga was heavily shelled by big German guns on Saturday and part of the city was wrecked, according to advices from Petrograd. A number of noncombatants were killed. German military experts agreed to the capture of Riga as an operation of high strategic importance. By driving to the southeast the Germans may compel the evacuation of Dvinsk, a great fortress about one hundred miles south of Riga which stopped von Hindenburg's advance in the autumn of 1915.

An unconfirmed rumor has reached here that the Russian cabinet is preparing to remove the government archives from Petrograd to Moscow unless the German drive is stemmed. The next phase of the German offensive is problematical. There are three roadways leading from Riga towards Petrograd, 320 miles distant, any one of which may be taken by the German staff.

How Fat Folks
May Become SlimGET RID OF TEN TO SIXTY
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